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1. THIS IS TO BRING YOU AND BBC UP TO DATE ON ISLAMABAD PROJECT PLANNING. [ ] TDY TO ISLAMABAD LATE MAY WENT VERY WELL. EMBASSY ATTITUDE TOWARDS PROJECT IS HIGHLY POSITIVE AND THEY HAVE BEEN QUITE HELPFUL IN ADVANCE PLANNING AND IN OFFERING ASSISTANCE WITH SPACE, PERSONNEL, LOGISTICS AND OTHER ASPECTS OF REMOTE OPERATION. 4

2. D/FBIS HAS SENT FOLLOWING TO AMBASSADOR HUMMEL: 4

"PLEASE ACCEPT MY PERSONAL THANKS FOR THE COOPERATION AND HELP EXTENDED BY YOU AND YOUR STAFF TO OUR ENGINEER, [ ] DURING HIS VISIT TO ISLAMABAD IN MAY. WE WERE QUITE IMPRESSED BY THE THOUGHT AND PLANNING WHICH HAD CLEARLY TAKEN PLACE IN ADVANCE OF HIS ARRIVAL, AND BY THE EXTREMELY POSITIVE ATTITUDE DISPLAYED BY MISSION OFFICERS IN MAKING HIS TRIP A SUCCESS. 4

"AS YOU KNOW, FBIS HAS BEEN CHARGED BY THE NSC AND THE CONGRESS WITH WIDENING AND IMPROVING THE SCOPE OF U.S. COLLECTION FROM PUBLIC MEDIA OF THE MUSLIM WORLD AND OF THE MUSLIM MINORITIES OF THE USSR.

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THE AUDIO SURVEY WHICH WE CARRIED OUT IN ISLAMABAD IN 1978 INDICATED THAT IT OFFERS THE HIGHEST POTENTIAL TO ADVANCE THIS TASK OF ANY SITE AVAILABLE TO US IN THE AREA AND, INDEED, WOULD PROVIDE RECEPTION OF TARGET TRANSMITTERS PRESENTLY UNHEARD AT ANY FBIS LISTENING POST. Y

"THUS, WE ARE MOST ANXIOUS TO MOVE AHEAD EXPEDITIOUSLY WITH ESTABLISHING THE SMALL RECEPTION UNIT WHICH WE HAVE DISCUSSED. WITH YOUR CONCURRENCE, WE WOULD PLAN ON HAVING [ ] RETURN TO ISLAMABAD AS SOON AS YOU SO INDICATE. HE WOULD THEN BEGIN SETTING UP THE TECHNICAL INSTALLATION IN THE SECOND FLOOR SPACE WHICH HE INSPECTED DURING HIS VISIT, AND WHICH WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR RESERVING FOR US. HE COULD ALSO BEGIN RECRUITING THE TWO LOCAL TECHNICIANS WITH THE ASSISTANCE WHICH YOU GENEROUSLY OFFERED. AS SOON AS IT COULD BE ARRANGED, WE WOULD REPLACE [ ] WITH

2 ANOTHER FBIS ENGINEER WHO WOULD BE ASSIGNED PCS TO CONTINUE THE RECRUITING WORK AND START UP THE RECEPTION AND RECORDING OPERATIONS. H

"UNTIL SUCH TIME AS DIRECT, DEDICATED TELEPHONE CIRCUITS CAN BE ARRANGED BETWEEN THE RECORDING UNIT AND OUR BUREAU IN LONDON, WE

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WOULD PLAN ON MAILING RECORDINGS TO LONDON AND TO FBIS BUREAUS IN THE MIDDLE EAST FOR PROCESSING. NATURALLY, THE WORLDWIDE FBIS WIRE FILE OF MONITORED INFORMATION WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO YOU AND TO THE GOP SELECTIVELY WITHIN YOUR REQUIREMENTS. 4




"ONCE YOU APPROVE THE STARTUP OF OUR SMALL OPERATION WE WOULD BE HAPPY TO DEAL DIRECTLY WITH THE EMBASSY'S ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION, AS YOU SO DIRECT, ON ALL MATTERS DEALING WITH FITTING OUT THE WORK SPACE, SHIPPING OF EQUIPMENT, PERSONNEL, MAIL AND SO ON. 4

"ONE MATTER OF IMMEDIATE CONCERN IS THE LENGTH OF TIME IT MAY TAKE TO OBTAIN TELEPHONE LINES BETWEEN ISLAMABAD AND LONDON. WE WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S ADVICE ON WHETHER THESE SHOULD BE APPLIED FOR RIGHT AWAY OR WHETHER THIS ACTION SHOULD AWAIT THE ARRIVAL OF OUR ENGINEER. 4

"AGAIN, MANY THANKS FOR YOUR INTEREST AND COOPERATION."

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3. THOUGH PROJECT AT THIS POINT IS BESET WITH UNCERTAINTIES AND DIFFICULTIES, WE ARE OPTIMISTIC. WITH LUCK WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO BEGIN FITTING OUT TECHNICAL INSTALLATION IN AUGUST. ONE RATHER

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LARGE FLY IN THE OINTMENT IS THAT WE HAVE BEEN WAVED OFF BY STATION, FOR SECURITY REASONS, FROM TYPES OF SUPPORT THEY CUSTOMARILY PROVIDE AND WE WILL BE WORKING THROUGH STATE COMMUNICATIONS, AT LEAST INITIALLY. HOW THIS WILL EFFECT CONTACTS WITH OUR ENGINEER, WHEN AND IF WE GET SET UP IN ISLAMABAD, REMAINS TO BE SEEN. EMBASSY UNCLASSIFIED COMMUNICATIONS ARE SEVERELY LIMITED AT PRESENT, THOUGH THINGS ARE EXPECTED TO IMPROVE ONCE EMBASSY IS REBUILT AND FACILITIES NOW CROWDED INTO CRAMPED SPACES ARE RELOCATED. BUT YOU KNOW HOW THESE THINGS GO. IN VIEW OF ABOVE, HQS WILL MAKE SPECIAL EFFORT TO KEEP LONDON/BBC IN PICTURE, BUT IF YOU EVER GET THE FEELING YOU'RE MISSING A PIECE OR TWO LET US KNOW. RVW 03JUN80 DRC C9C3.3 BY [ ] ALL SECRET.H

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